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1. BILATERAL TALKS WILL BE HELD IN SHAH'S OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR OF SAADABAD PALACE SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL FROM AIRPORT. POSSIBLY HEAD-TO-HEAD 15-20 MINUTES AND EXPANDED ONE HOUR. EXPECT MORE DETAILS FROM HOSTS ON WEDNESDAY. PLEASE ADVISE US SIDE FOR EXPANDED SESSION. GOI SIDE WILL PROBABLY BE SHAH, FONMIN KHALATBARY AND AMB ZAHEDI, IF HERE.

2. OFFICIAL DINNER WILL BE AT NIAVARAN PALACE--TOTAL 60 GUESTS OF WHICH 17 WOULD BE US. 17 SEATS ACCOMMODATES OFFICIAL PARTY (STATE 252878) AMB AND MRS SULLIVAN, DCM AND MRS MIKLOS AND MRS DOBELLE.

3. PROPOSED DETAILED SCENARIO -DINNER:

EVENT NO. OFFICIAL DINNER, NIAVARAN PALACE

NOTE: ATTIRE BUSINESS SUIT, LADIES LONG DRESSES.

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7:45 PM US GUESTS ARRIVE NIAVARAN PALACE.

7:50 PM PRES AND MRS CARTER DEPART SAADABAD PALACE ENROUTE TO NIAVARAN PALACE.

7:55 PM PRES AND MRS CARTER ARRIVE NIAVARAN PALACE.

PRES AND MRS CARTER ARE GREETED BY HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY,
SHAHANSHAH ARYAMEHR AND EMPRESS FARAH AT THE FRONT OF NIAVARAN
PALACE.

THEY ENTER THE PALACE, TURN RIGHT AND MOVE TO THE RECEPTION ROOM.
THE PRES AND MRS CARTER ARE INTRODUCED TO THE IMPERIAL FAMILY.
GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES, HIS EXCELLENCY AMIR-ASLAN AFSHAR AND
THE HONORABLE EVAN S DOBELLE, US CHIEF OF PROTOCOL JOIN THE PRES,
HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, MRS CARTER AND THE EMPRESS, AND ARRANGE THE
RECEIVING LINE.

THE PRES WILL HAVE HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY ON HIS LEFT, THEN MRS
CARTER WITH THE EMPRESS TO HER LEFT.

8:00 PM RECEIVING LINE BEGINS.

HIS EXCELLENCY, GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES AFSHAR AND CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL DOBELLE STAND FACING THE PRES AND HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY.
CHIEF OF PROTOCOL DOBELLE INTRODUCES AMERICAN GUESTS, AND GRAND
MASTER OF CEREMONIES AFSHAR INTRODUCES IRANIAN GUESTS.
GUESTS PASS THROUGH RECEIVING LINE AND PROCEED TO GRAND HALL
WHERE COCKTAILS ARE SERVED PRIOR TO DINNER.

8:15 PM RECEIVING LINE CONCLUDES.

THE PRES, HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, MRS CARTER AND THE EMPRESS
PROCEED TO GRAND HALL TO MIX WITH GUESTS BEFORE DINNER.

8:35 PM THE PRES, WITH THE EMPRESS ON HIS LEFT AND HIS IMPERIAL
MAJESTY WITH MRS CARTER ON HIS LEFT LEAVE THE GRAND HALL AND
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ENTER THE BANQUET ROOM.
THE PARTY MOVES LEFT AROUND THE TABLE TO THE POSITION OF HONOR
ACROSS FROM THE ENTRANCE.
THE PRES SITS WITH HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY TO HIS LEFT AND THE
EMPRESS TO HIS RIGHT.
MRS CARTER SITS TO THE LEFT OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY.

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PHOTO COVERAGE

8:40 PM DINNER IS SERVED.

10:00 PM DINNER CONCLUDES.
COFFEE SERVED AT THE TABLE.
HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT'S PERMISSION TO STAND
AND MAKE REMARKS.
GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES AFSHAR BRINGS HIS SPEECH AND PLACES THE
MICROPHONE IN FRONT OF HIM.K
HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY PROPOSES A TOAST TO PRES AND MRS CARTER AND
REQUESTS THAT EVERYONE STAND.
FOLLOWING THE TOAST, PRES AND MRS CARTER ALSO STAND AS THE US
NATIONAL ANTHEM IS PLAYED.
AT CONCLUSION EVERYONE IS SEATED.
THE PRES REQUESTS HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY'S PERMISSION TO MAKE HIS
REMARKS.
A MICROPHONE WILL BE POSITIONED IN FRONT OF THE PRES.

REMARKS RECORDED AND PIPED TO THE PRESS THE PRES STANDS, MAKES
HIS REMARKS, AND REQUESTS EVERYONE TO STAND AND JOIN IN A TOAST
TO "SHAHANSHAH ARYAMEHR AND THE EMPRESS OF IRAN".
ALL REMAIN STANDING AS THE IRANIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM IS PLAYED.

10:20 PM HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY INVITES MRS CARTER TO THE
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ADJOINING ROOM FOR FOLK DANCING EXHIBITION.
THE PRES IS ESCORTED BY THE EMPRESS.

10:55 PM PRES AND MRS CARTER BID FAREWELL TO THEIR IMPERIAL
MAJESTIES AND DEPART NIAVARAN PALACE.

11:00 PM PRES AND MRS CARTER ARRIVE SAADABAD PALACE.

OVERNIGHT

4. SAADABAD PALACE IS AS SHOWN IN DIAGRAMS POUCHED TO MOUNT. CAN
TRIPLE IN EACH OF THE 2 GROUND FLOOR BEDROOMS, IF DESIRED. ONE
DOUBLE AVAILABLE IN BASEMENT, FOR TOTAL OF 8 STAFF ACCOMMODATIONS.
NO OTHER SLEEPING SPACE AVAILABLE ON SAADABAD COMPOUND. FUNCTIONAL
SPACE FOR STAFF OFFICE, COMMAND POST AND WHCA ROOM NO PROBLEM.

5. HOSTS PREFER NO REPEAT NO WORKING BREAKFAST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.
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